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It is hereby requested that the shortened statutory period for responding to the Examiner's Action dated October 8, 2003 be extended two-months from January 8, 2004 to March 8, 2004.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1177 in the amount of \$420.00 for the two-month extension fee. Order No. <u>04-0106</u>.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fee or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1177.

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Responsive Action has been taken by filing an <u>AMENDMENT</u> simultaneously herewith.

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